(b) The allocation of rice to Tamil Nadu has been increased from 50,000 tonnes to 65,000 tonnes in October, 1988 and to 80,000 tonnes in November, 1988.

(c) In Tamil Nadu, the State Civil Supplies Corporation is responsible for the procurement of rice/paddy in the State. The Food Corporation of India is not procuring any rice in the State. During 1987-88 marketing season, a quantity of 5.64 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) has been procured by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation.

Increase in milk production

306. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite a drought year, milk production has gone up by 6 per cent last year under Milk Technology Mission, as reported in the Times of India of the 10th October, 1988;

(b) whether in view of good rains this year, milk production is likely to increase by over 10 per cent; and

(c) whether Government have made enough arrangements for increased milk dairying capacity and for location of suitable markets abroad for exports of various value added products like Paneer, Chhena, Srikhand, Dahi specially Ice creams, as is being done for fruits, vegetables, fish and animal products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The milk production in the country is tentatively estimated to have increased by 3.8 per cent during 1987-88.

(b) No, Sir. Keeping in view the target set for 1988-89 at 48.04 million tonnes, the projected increase will be around 4.2 per cent.

(c) It is targetted to expand dairy processing capacity under Operation Flood from 126 lakh litres of milk per day in 1987-88 to 156 lakhs litres per day in 1988-89. There is no proposal to export various dairy products at present.

Problem of urban transportation

307. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 17th October, 1988 to the effect that one of the most difficult parts of urban life is tiredness due to long distances from place of work and poor transportation system in Metro and other large urban centres; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and in what manner Government propose to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item refers to the recommendations about urban transport contained in the report of the National Commission on Urbanisation.

(b) It is proposed to draw up action plans for urban transport in consultation with concerned State and Central Government agencies.

Sale of excess land by M/s. Narayanswamy & Sons in Bangalore

308. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government and other State Governments were issued guidelines for the

implementation of the Urban Ceiling Act, 1976;

(b) whether under these guidelines, State Governments are permitted to allow the sale of excess land to private builders; and

(c) if so, whether the sale of excess land by M/s. Narayanswamy & Sons to M/s. Reevajeetu Builders in Bangalore was justified under the Act and Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) With a view to resolving difficulties faced in the implementation of the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976, Government of India have issued a series of guidelines to the State Governments and Union Territories from time to time, clarifying the intent and purport of the provisions of the Act.

(b) In the Guideilnes issued under Section 20 of the Act, it has been mentioned that there is no objection to exempt vacant land held by persons in excess of the ceiling limit, in the public interest so that they may transfer them to registered housing cooperative societies or Group Housing Cooperative Societies for the purpose of constructing dwelling units subject to several conditions. The State Governments were also advised that there is no objection if the land holder who is permitted under Section 21 of the Act, to retain excess vacant land for the construction of dwelling units for the weaker sections of the society, to associate a builder or collaborator to construct the dwelling units and dispose-of them.

(c) Although the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 was enacted by the Central Government, it is implemented by the State Governments through the competent authorities appointed by them for the purpose. Thus, the case comes under the jurisdiction of the State Government.

Intensive Mango Development Project in Karnataka

309. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Centre *vide* letter No. AHD 122AFP 87 dated 26th February, 1988 for sanction of a intensive mango development project with assistance from U.K.; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Project proposals on mango development have been received from Karnataka and other States except Uttar Pradesh. Once the proposal from Uttar Pradesh Government is received, Multi State Intensive Mango Development Project will be developed for being posed for External Assistance.

Rail transit system for Hyderabad and Secunderabad

310. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a Light Rail Transit System for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has since been finalised and blue print has been prepared; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose, if any?